

## ABSTRACT OF INVENTION

A transportable basketball system having components which are  
arrangeable in a play configuration during which a basketball-related game can  
be played, and also in a transport configuration during which said transportable  
basketball system can be easily transported between a sand covered outdoor  
environment and a remote location. Preferably, the transportable basketball  
system comprises a wind-transmissive backboard structure having a backboard  
surface disposed substantially within a first plane, bounded by a frame  
structure, and characterized by a high degree of air permeability (i.e.  
transmissivity) across said backboard surface so that air currents, expected on  
said covered environment, can pass therethrough with minimal resistance, yet  
deflect a lightweight basketball when tossed thereagainst during basketball-  
related games. A basketball hoop structure, defining an opening through which  
a basketball can be passed during basketball-related games, is operably  
connected to the wind-transmissive backboard structure. The basketball hoop  
structure is generally disposed within a second plane substantially perpendicular  
to the first plane when the transportable basketball system is arranged in its  
play configuration. A pole assembly, including a plurality of arrangeable pole  
sections, is provided for supporting the wind-transmissive backboard structure  
at a height above the surface of a sand bed located in the sand covered outdoor  
environment. A pole anchoring device, driveable beneath the sand bed, is also  
provided for supporting the pole assembly in a substantially plumb orientation  
during the play configuration.

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